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In re Applicant:

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Methods, Pharmaceutical Compositions, Oral Compositions, Filters And Tobacco Products For Preventing Or Reducing Tobacco Smoke-Associated Injury In The

Aerodigestive Tract Of A Subject

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ELECTION

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Restriction Action mailed March 17, 2003, which response is being made on or before

April 17, 2003.

Applicants hereby elect Group III, namely Claims 35-61, drawn to a filter.

Furthermore, with respect to the species selection, Applicants hereby select hydroxocobalamin.

It is believed that Claims 35-41, 43-46, 48, 49, 51-54 and 57-60 read on the above species.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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